

**ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF
STUDY GUIDE**

A written examination for the class of **ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF** to be administered in **SHREVEPORT** on **MAY 5, 2009** will consist of approximately 130 multiple-choice questions. The examination will test your knowledge in the following subject areas:

SUBJECT AREA/KNOWLEDGE	APPROXIMATE % OF EXAM
FIRE ADMINISTRATION Knowledge of the principles of effective fire administration, involving management theory and organizational behavior; researching, planning, organizing, and directing departmental operations; personnel management; budget preparation; and public relations.	30.8%
RECORDS/REPORTS Knowledge of effective records-management practices, including preparation, content, and format; and knowledge of effective report preparation procedures, including the compilation and organization of data into an effective written format for reports.	7.7%
SUPERVISION Knowledge of the practices and techniques used in effective supervision in order to plan, organize, direct, and evaluate the work of subordinates; to resolve conflicts; and to maintain discipline.	26.9%
FIREGROUND COMMAND Knowledge of fireground command procedures sufficient to direct emergency scene operations, and to supervise subordinate employees at the scene of an emergency in the following areas; performing size-up; directing rescue, forcible entry, ventilation, nozzle and hose handling, protection of exposures, fire extinguishment, use of sprinkler and standpipe systems, use of water supplies, salvage and overhaul, emergency medical services; and handling hazardous materials.	26.9%
PRE-FIRE PLANNING AND INVESTIGATION Knowledge of pre-fire planning, and arson investigation, including securing the fire scene.	7.7%

REFERENCE LIST

While the entire list of reference material will be useful to you in your preparation for the upcoming examination, the **majority** of test questions are sourced from those references listed under the Primary List.

PRIMARY REFERENCE MATERIAL

EFFECTIVE SUPERVISORY PRACTICES, International City Management Association (ICMA), 1120 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, 4th ed., 2005.

NOTE: Obtain through LSU Firemen Training Program or IFSTA Fire Protection Publications.

MANAGING FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES, International City Management Association (ICMA), 1140 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, 1st ed., 2002.

NOTE: Available through LSU Firemen Training Program or IFSTA Fire Protection Publications.

ADVANCED SUPERVISORY PRACTICES, International City/County Management Association, 777 N. Capitol Street N.E., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20002-4201, 1992.

INTERNATIONAL FIRE SERVICE TRAINING ASSOCIATION (IFSTA)/ FIRE PROTECTION PUBLICATIONS (Training Manuals):

Essentials of Firefighting, 4th ed., 1998.

Fire and Emergency Services Company Officer, 4th ed., 2007.

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) PUBLICATIONS AND STANDARDS:

FIRE PROTECTION HANDBOOK, NFPA, 19th ed., 2003.

MANAGEMENT IN THE FIRE SERVICE, Carter, Harry R., and Rausch, Erwin, NFPA, Quincy Mass., 4th ed., 2008.

FIRE COMMAND, Brunacini, Alan V., NFPA, 2nd ed., 2002.

The local civil service board should make this study guide available to all applicants in whatever manner the board deems appropriate.

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